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Signed By Black Contractor

CRASH CUSHION CONTRACT

Involved in the signing of a contract May 16, 1973, between the Highway Department and Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle, include, from left to right in the front row: Dean Falls, Prime Contractor, President of Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle and W.A. Bulley, Deputy Director of Highways, Washington State Highway Department, Olympia; back row: Al Ramos, Division of Engineering and Architecture, State Department of General Administration on loan to Pierce County Minority Contractors Association, Tacoma; "Ernie" Altheimer, Executive Director, Pierce County Minority Contractors Association, Tacoma; James Wilson, Engineering Services Manager, Highway Department, Olympia; Lenny Wilkens, Vice President, Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle; Darrell Eden, Secretary-Treasurer, Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle; Clarence Edwards, Highway Department Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Olympia; E.I. Roberts, Highway District Engineer, Bellevue; and C.M. Gosney, Administrative Construction Engineer, Washington State Highway Department, Olympia.

Work began Monday, May 21, on the installation of vehicle crash cushions on Seattle's central freeway (Interstate Highway 5) between Dearborn and 8th Streets, according to the Washington State Highway Department.

This information was revealed May 16 in Olympia by Dean Falls, president of Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle, as contracts for the $121,000 freeway safety improvement project were signed with the Highway Department.

Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors was the successful low bidder in competition with other contractors, with a low bid of $121,135, to construct vehicle crash barriers — or impact attenuators — at a number of V-shaped guard rail points where Interstate 5 highway lanes separate.

Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors is one of three black prime contractors in Washington state who are qualified under the state's standard prequalification and bidder procedures for a highway construction project of this size. This was the first Black firm to win an award of this size, in the history of the Highway Department.

Installation of the vehicle crash cushions will be at six locations along the freeway, with the groups of liquid-filled cushion cylinders slated to be in place at the potentially hazardous spots later this summer.

Present at the official signing of contract documents were: W.A. Bulley, Deputy Director of Highways, Olympia; Dean Falls, Prime Contractor and President of Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle; Lenny Wilkens, Vice President, Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors, Seattle; Darrell Eden, Secretary-Treasurer, Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors; "Ernie" Altheimer, Director, and Al Ramos, Pierce County Minority Contractors Association, Tacoma. Ramos is on loan from the Division of Engineering and Architecture, State Department of General Administration. Also present were E. I. Roberts, Highway District Engineer, Bellevue; C. M. Gosney, Administrative Construction Engineer, Washington State Highway Department, Olympia; James Wilson, Engineering Services Manager, Highway Department, Olympia; and Clarence Edwards, Highway Department Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Olympia.

Other officials involved in the transactions included: Willy Allen, Milton Dixon, Rev. R. L. Anderson, and L. C. Thomas, Central Area Contractors Association, Seattle; W. M. Foster, Assistance Director for Highway Development, Highway Department, Olympia; and H. W. Humphres, Assistant Director for Highway Construction and Materials, Highway Department, Olympia.

The Central Area Contractors Association, Seattle, and the Pierce County Minority Contractors Association, Tacoma, among other groups, have been working with Highway Department officials to encourage minority contractors to qualify for bidding on Highway Department construction projects. For more than two years the Highway Department has been urging minority contractors to qualify for the larger highway construction jobs.

In order to prequalify for a construction contract of this size, a contractor must furnish a bond, and provide the Highway Department with a financial statement listing assets. All bidders must also show they have had experience in heavy construction work; have the equipment and skilled workers required to get the job done to the satisfaction of the Highway Department. A completed highway project must be built to serve the motoring public. It must be safe, and convenient.

A number of minority contractors have in the past qualified for highway projects costing less than $100,000, and some have successfully won awards, but Northwest Heavy Duty Contractors was among a few minority contractors who have qualified for projects over the $100,000 bidding rate.

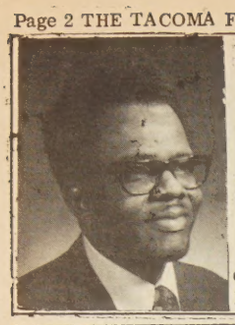
18th Anniversary Celebration

Rev. & Mrs. E.S. Brazill

By Mrs. Edwards

Several hundred persons paid tribute to their good friends, neighbors and pastor, Reverend E.S. Brazill and his wife on their 18th Anniversary as Citizens of Tacoma, Devine Counselor in Gods' work at Shiloh Baptist Church and Foremost Leader for the course of up grading his Brothrens and the Community. Under the capable leadership of Reverend Brazill at Shiloh the mortgage has been paid off, many new programs have been initiated and the membership has increased.

The two day session ended Sunday 20 May with dinner served by members of his church and Religious, Citizentry, tributes. The Reverend O.A. Lily of Mt. Zion Church, Bremerton explained the concepts of the Ministry, that Ministers are Ambassadors of God. Stewarts of the mystries of God; not only take of the pulpit, but the Church, he is the overseer made by the Holy Spirit. He further stated that Reverend Brazill is that kind of a man, but if he had not preached the Gospel he would not have been able to do all the good things accredited to him. The Sinclair Choir of Bremerton sang "Rock of Ages" which was very appropriate for the occasion, for he is a rock for whom God can be pleased. Horace Mann, American educator said "If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth and he will find both". Our congratulation to Reverend & Mrs. Brazill from The Tacoma Fact Staff.



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Andre Young Speaks

RE: Black and White Christianity Needs Converting

It is hoped that my efforts to prod the Church out of its ridiculous fantasy by any means necessary is understood. To bring the Black Church into the 21st Century is basic to many, many thousands of our people.

Many Brothers and Sisters have been taught to lie, cheat and steal and to subvert each others progressive efforts by the same people who allege love and Brotherhood. They have been continually talking out of the sides of their mouth for too long.

There can be absolutely no denying it but let it be said, the Black Church has never taught a Black person about knowledge of self. We Black folk have been taught Black pride by none other than the Nation of Islam and others. Believe me, the Christian Church teaches and produces nothing except an acceptable manner of going crazy in its various forms, e.g. alcoholism.

As has been said and no doubt it's true, the natural order in which we are created and living doesn't exist as I and others have been taught under Christianity as we know it.

It is absolutely true that Black folk are drugged in one way or another and especially on religion. If you don't believe me (check it out for yourself), go out Saturday nite anytime after midnight to any club; etc., (Seattle-Tacoma) and if you happen to drive past any church on the way home, round 9 a.m. Sunday morn, you'll see the same folk struggling to get to the several Churches in Pierce County, to get their Sunday ——fix."

To the Brothers and Sisters in Jail and Prison, who most often are products and by-products of the Black Church, you already know, but to you who are still under an illusion about the aims, purposes and goals of the Church, there is no protection nor support (nor freedom, justice or liberty) for you from the Church unless you're a deacon or matron of the Church or their relative (or close friend).

There are many ignorant; ill; guilt-ridden people in the Church. And for those who are dead of wisdom, knowledge and understanding toward what's happening around them, tell me because I'd like to know, where are the grocery stores; restaurants; factories; clubs your Church has built for the people? Anything?!

L'Ray Scott's
L'Ray Scott's House of Scott Mortuary has a new phone number, dial;
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"Only fools want to travel all the time; sensible men want to arrive." (Metternich)

FASHIONABLES

By Denise

MEN'S

Men's fashions will be neater, easier look that goes with any young man's life style no matter what the occasion or time of day.

Sweaters will have a more classic style, sleeveless knits with U-Necks or V-Necks and sweater sets with matching pull-overs and cardigans. Youth-oriented shirts are utilizing more sophisticated fabrics such as ginghams, checks, plaids, and stripes.

The pleated baggies with cuffs up to two inches deep will have belt loops to accommodate "skinny" belts. Fabrics for these pants range from linen-types, flannels, to seersuckers. Jeans continue as favorites.

Chunky look shoes are in, many of the newer models have broad, bulbaus toes that are complimented with higher heels. Multi-colored are very much in favor especially with the baggie-type pants. There is a revival of the bow ties, says Pierre Cardin that for the young man who wants to be elegant, romantic, and definitely different for evening, soft open-neck shirts which have frilly collars and cuffs worn with black or grey striped velvet coats and black pants.

WOMEN'S

The long skirt and the bare halter, one of the most popular evening outfits, can be sewn up at home quite inexpensively.

Now's the time to ease off the cake and all those other delicious calories that you won't be able to hide under that sweater. Shape up for summer with a sensible diet and lots of exercise.

A simple pant-suit with short waist jacket can be dressed up for evening by wearing the jacket open and adding a silvery top underneath.

Notice

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital is offering a 20 hour babysitting course for junior high students at no charge. Commencing June 19, two hour sessions will be held each Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Topics include parental instructions, care and feeding of babies and toddlers, diapering babies, storytelling and simple game playing, basic first aid, household safety, poison prevention, fire prevention and telephone do's and don'ts.

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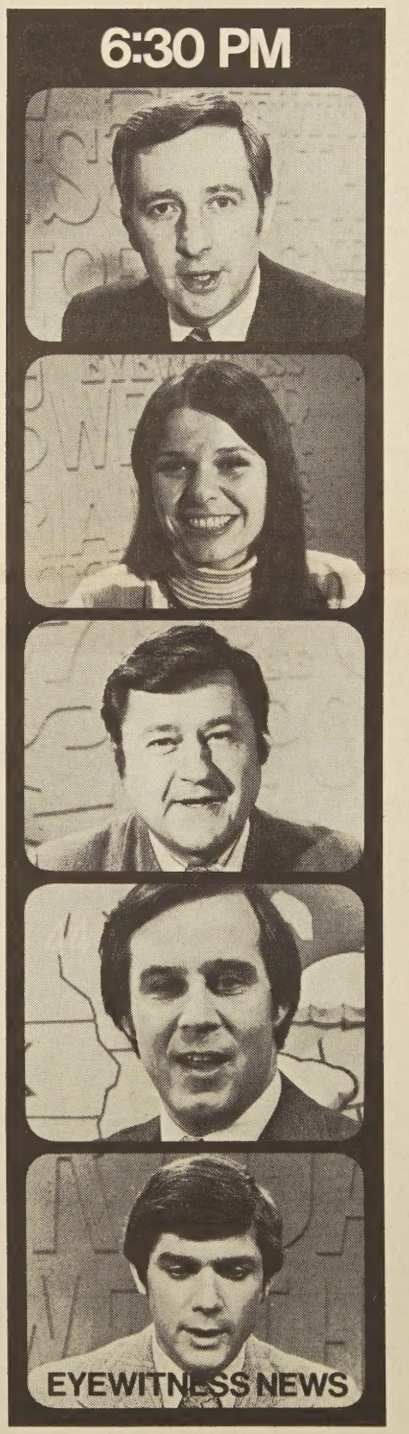


Public Service Announcement

James Walton, Director, Human Relations Commision, City of Tacoma, presented to the Minority Concerns Task Force at its weekly meeting, the preliminary draft of the city's affirmative action plan.

Mr. Walton said that hopefully with the implementation of the plan, it will be the tool to bring minority employment close to 11 percent by 1976. He further stated that on April 14, 1971, the Tacoma News Tribune reported that the Minority Concerns Task Force had demanded a freeze on hiring whites until 227 minorities were hired. At that time there were 40-odd minorities employed by the city. He said what was needed at that time but was lacking was a management tool to cause an increase in the work force for Blacks and other minorities. He feels an affirmative action plan is that tool.

The preliminary plan includes numerical target as well as systematic targets. The plan will not be totally engrossed in numbers but will also look at the system. Mr. Walton feels that systemic charges are entirely possible within the present merit system structure. "The plan does not propose anything to thwart or destroy the system." He said, "the system is flexible and that it can and does work." He also said the key is not a well written document or plan but rather implementation to make sure it works. He said it will take constant vigil to see that some movement is made and continues.

Most of the available jobs for the next three years will fall into the crafts and technician categories. Management jobs will have the lowest gain of minorities because there is not much turnover or attrition. The overall city numerical targets have been broken down into four categories — Black, Native Americans, Spanish American, and Asian. This was done to assure other minority groups that the plan is not a Black Affirmative Action Plan but a plan for all minority groups. The draft will be presented to the City Affirmative Action Committee for review on May 18, 1973.

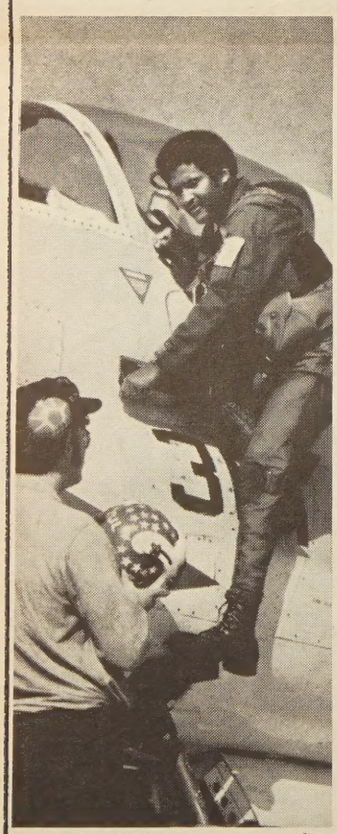
BUSINESS NEWS

(L-R) C.E. Brook; I. Morgan; L.R. Scott; J. Alsup-Ms. Johnson; Mr. Baldwin; Pres. C. Walker; City Councilman H. Moss.

The BBA held an open meeting at 4:00 p.m. 20 May 1973 in their business office at 2106 So. "J" Street. The attendance was very poor. Of the 21 members only 8 were present. Although it was an open meeting where outsiders were invited to participate, there seemed to be a wait and see attitude before becoming involved.

President Charles Walker stressed the need for more members, better participation from committed members and the Community. The brothers must help if we are to survive. Many times our Black brothers have the feeling if you grease my palm I'll grease yours. In business, we work together. Harold Moss discussed the importance of a membership drive. The present members have $100.00 in shares by which the returns on the present shares are reinvested into the BBA. The requirement is only $10.00 a minimum to become a member. They also discussed expansion. Mr. Moss told of a recent visit he made to California of a business Interprise in San Diego started by a group of Red Caps. This Interprise consists of businesses of several discriptions and products.

BBA building and facilities are made available for members in good standing during normal hours.



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Mike Southers graduated from college with a degree in psychology and had one thing in mind . . . to fly!

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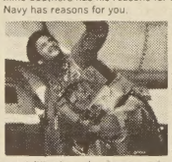
The Navy is no bed of roses . . . it has many of the same problems that society has as far as race relations go, but they're really trying to do something about them. But, if I had to do it all over again, I'd do exactly the same thing."

Mike Southers has his reasons for becoming a Navy pilot. The Navy has reasons for you.



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Attention Y'All

Openhouse will be held Friday and Saturday , 25 & 26 of May, to commemorate the first year anniversary of Ujamaa.

The Ujamaa (unity) culture and recreation center is a Tacoma Model Cities Project, designed to provide for the community programs and activities pertaining to culture and recreation. The Tacoma Y.M.C.A., an internationally recognized non-profit organization under the direction of John Morgan, proudly serves as the operating agency of the program.

Culturally during the past year, under the direction of Bro. Ellis "Ike" Cain-Ray "Olu" Gilas respectively, Ujamaa offered 13 workshops ranging from Drama, Martial Arts, Sewing & Knitting, Music-Vocal, Instrumental, etc.

Recreationally Ujamaa sponsored teams for City league play in mens and womens basketball and slow pitch softball.

Other programs are the performing Arts Troupe; craft classes for local rest homes; excursions.

The staff of Ujamaa proudly thanks you the people for your support. See you at the Openhouse 7 pm, Friday, May 25.

Notice

It is indeed a pleasure to have the Ujamaa Center of Tacoma to invite the Brothers & Sisters of the Ujamaa Society of Evergreen State College to participate in its first anniversary program set for the 25th of May, 1973. The Brothers & Sisters of Ujamaa here at Evergreen are more than honored to participate in the first anniversary program of the Ujamaa Culture & Recreation Center. Not only do we hope to bring unity between the two organizations, but with the "Black" community as well.

Yours in the Struggle
Ujamaa Society
Evergreen State College

Social News

By Mrs. V.C. Edwards

New members, Mrs. William Hall, left - Mrs. Carl Brown, right seated with Mrs. Edwin Williams and Mrs. Harold Moss, Pres. with members of Tacoma and Seattle Chapters.

The Tacoma Chapter of Links, Inc. initiated new members on Sunday, May 20, 1973 at the home of Mrs. Harold Moss, President of the Tacoma Chapter. New members initiated included Mmes. Carl Brown of Tacoma and William Hall of Bellevue, Washington. The well-attended event was planned by Mmes. Edwin Williams and Clarence Edwards. The white rose initiation ceremony, performed by the president, was followed by a champagne breakfast.

BEHIND EVERY successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law.

Task Forces Changing Roles

The Model Cities are looking for new direction and changing their roles as the Model Cities program is phased out.

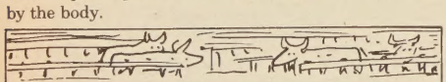
At Monday's Mass Task Force meeting, three areas of concern were discussed by the task force as possible areas of action in the future. They were the relationship of the police and youth, relationship of school and youth, and an ad hoc committee of parents to investigate the problems.

Community Involvement Specialist Harriet Williams said, "These problems have existed too long. The task force must decide to stop talking about them and do something."

A meeting of the ad hoc committee and other interested parents has been scheduled for May 31, 1973, at 7:30 at the Malcolm X Youth Center.

Along with the changing direction of the task force, the group decided to combine its previous groups into three task forces. The new groups are (1) Law and Justice, Social Services, and Health; (2) Education, Culture and Recreation, and Youth; and (3) Manpower and Housing. They will continue the one combined meeting and one individual meeting each month.

Junior N. R. Ellis reported on the Region Ten citizens participation conference which was well accepted by the body.



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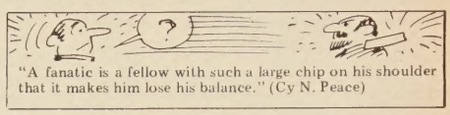
Meet Your Neighbor

Ozni B. Frank was inducted into the military service from the State of Texas. He received his basic training at Ft. Lewis, Was. and was assigned to 231st Eng as Co. Clerk forHq. His assignments at Ft. Lewis lasted 10 yrs after which he was transfered to Ft. Bliss Texas and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. He has served 2 assignments in Germany and 2 in Vietnam.

When he returned from Vietnam in September of 70 he was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Wa and worked as NCOIC of AG Testing until his retirement April 1, 1973.

Prior to entering the Army Sfc Frank was Board Director of music at Caldwell High School. He has a B.A. Degree in Music and a permanent certificate from the state of Texas. He needs 2 hours for a Masters Degree which he anticipates accomplishing in the near future.

He resides with his family on So. "L" St and is a member of the Bethlem Baptist church.



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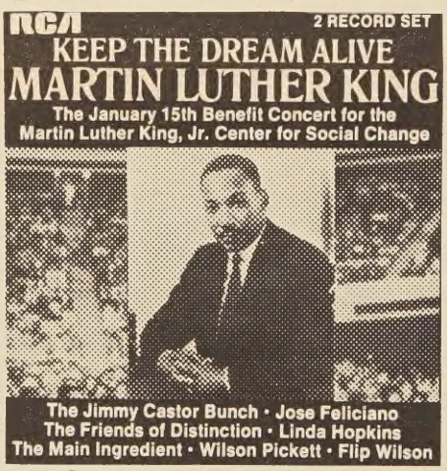
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by Mrs. G. M. Batie

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Tuna-Potato Casserole

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 1/2 cup milk
1/2 teas. salt
1/8 teas. paprika
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
3 cups thinly sliced potatoes
1-6 1/2 oz can tuna
1/2 cup grated cheese

Melt buuter, stir in flour, salt and paprika. Add milk and cook over low flame, stirring constantly until it thickens smoothly. Mix tuna, potatoes, onions and celery together in greased casserole dish. Pour sauce over mixture and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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FEMALE OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT TAC VAC

On May 16, 1973, Laura Rivera a veteran of World War II commenced working with TAC VAC as a Veteran Outreach Coordinator as a result of the program in conjunction with the Tacoma Chapter of the GI Forum obtaining additional funds from another source within the City.

Laura comes to TAC VAC with a history of working in various programs affiliated with the military service and just recently with Madigan General Hospital. Laura is well aware of veterans problems and what must be done to overcome those obstacles. Laura has received numerous letters and awards from former employers for outstanding work and devotion and she is ready to apply the experience she has gained to the veterans Action Program. In the near future, Laura will coordinate her efforts for veterans from another office located on the Eastside of Tacoma.

'Youth Rights' Seminar Planned

A "Rights of Youth" seminar is being planned by the Model Cities youth and education task forces.

The session is scheduled for June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ujamaa Culture and Recreation Center.

Representatives from Urban League Legal Aid, Public Assistance, Tacoma School District, Washington State Employment Security, Youth Outreach, and other organizations have been invited to form a panel for group discussion.

For further information contact Lucille Delaney at 593-4660.

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by: Ted Jefferson

Dear TAC VAC:

Q. There has not been much written about the VA auto grant for certain disabled veterans. Has the program ended?

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Q. In all the recent speculation about cutting some disabled veterans' compensation rates, it was said that these cuts would hurt mainly the Vietnam veteran, and wouldn't affect World War II disabled vets. Why wouldn't it?

A. Public Law 32, 91st Congress provides that any disablity which has been rated at or above some particular degree for 20 consecutive years will not be reduced below that evaluation. Thus most disabilities incurred during World War II are now protected from reductions of rating such as were recently proposed.

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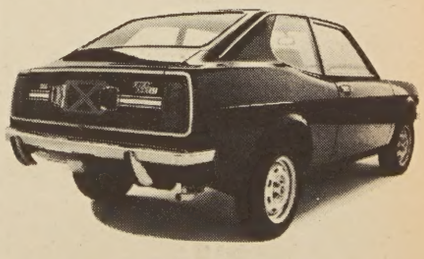

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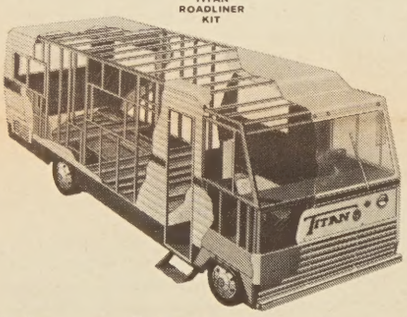

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Region Ten Citizen Participation Council Formed

Representatives from Model Cities' citizen participation (CP) components throughout the Northwest formed the Region Ten Citizens Council and elected officers in a conference in Tacoma Friday.

The regional unit will represent Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Boise, and Juneau in the national CP association. Some of the goals of the council are to influence federal legislation, exchange ideas and information about CP, and to train citizens in methods of working with government at all levels.

Junior N. R. Ellis, chairman of the Tacoma Model Cities Executive Board, was elected president of the council. He initiated the movement to organize Region Ten. Clint Haakonstad of Boise was elected vice president, and James Loving of Portland treasurer. Two other offices were left vacant for representatives from Seattle and Juneau.

The conference was chaired by Wilbur Warren, chairman of Region Five Citizens Council, of Grand Rapids, Mich. He said that the group should expand beyond the Model Cities structure and form a coalition with other citizens groups throughout the Northwest. He encouraged the group to take advantage of all sources of revenue, such as special and community revenue sharing.

Representing the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was Allan Avery, human resources and citizen participation advisor. When asked why Region Ten has been so slow in forming, he said that the regional office has neither encouraged nor discouraged a regional citizens participation organization. Region Ten is the last to be organized.

Avery added that the federal office of HUD has encouraged regional offices to cooperate with citizens organizations, but it did not direct regional offices to help form these groups. He said other regional offices of HUD have been actively involved in organizing citizens groups, but Region Ten has chosen to remain neutral to CP.

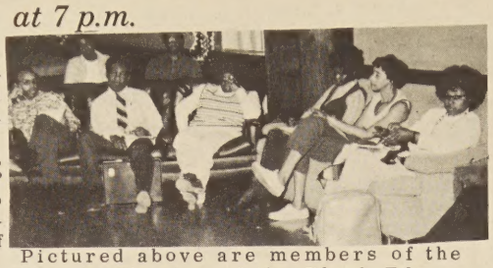
Also present at the conference was Jack Hanley, executive director of Region Eight Citizens Council, of Butte, Mont. He said that many governmental officials on all levels are encouraging citizen participation and that he foresaw an important role for Region Ten citizens in advising government of the needs and desires of citizens.

The organization's first action was to direct the president to apply for incorporation of the council and to notify the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Region Ten has been formed. The move came in reaction to reports that HUD intended to use $35,000, previously set aside for the council's use, for other purposes.

Luck is preparation meeting opportunity.

"Some people are so sensitive that they feel snubbed if an epidemic overlooks them." (Kin Hubbard)

A Special Meeting — May 31 At Malcolm X Center at 7 p.m.



Pictured above are members of the Tacoma Chapter of the Black Education & Economic Conference at a meeting held May 16 at the Malcolm X Center. 35 members attended.

Black Economic Education conference will hold its local meeting at Malcolm X Center, 17 & "K", May 30, 7:30.

To parents, task force members, concerned citizens.

The purpose of this meeting will be a sharing of information and reidentifying your concerns which were presented at the Combined Task Force Meeting. Hopefully, we can address our problems in a unified effort for the betterment of our youth in the community. We feel that too long these problems have existed without a community effort to fight them. As concerned parents we must act now. There will be a guest speaker to respond to your questions. Looking forward to your help.

For further information contact Mrs. Delany, at Tacoma Model Cities office, 593-4660.

Model Cities Send Students to D.C.

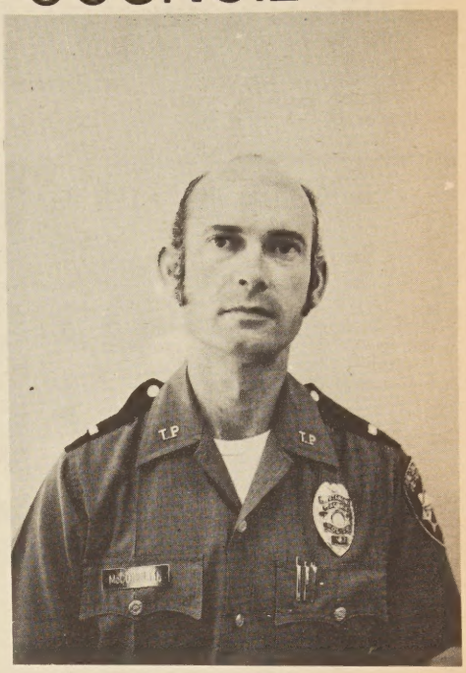
Three students from Tacoma, Washington, were chosen by Tacoma Model Cities to accompany U. S. Office of Education Gifted and Talented scholarship winners and scientists on scientific expeditions this summer.

The three students, presently enrolled at Woodrow Wilson High School, are Rodney T. Rogers, Darinda R. Raglind and Alice Mumford. Rodney is President of the Health Medical Science Explorers Post #907, and works part-time as a pharmacist's aid. Darinda spent last summer working as a tutor for elementary students, and Alice constructed a volcano model at age 13.

William E. McLaughlin, Regional Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education, DHEW, Region X, Seattle, said these scholarships were made possible for Model Cities gifted and talented students by the commitment of education funds by Tacoma Model Cities.

A press conference was held at the Explorer's Club headquarters in New York City on May 16, announcing all of the Model Cities Exploration scholarship winners across the Nation. The fifteen Model Cities which provided funds for 43 students from the various Model Cities to take part in this unique program are New London, Connecticut; Columbus, Ohio; Rochester, New York; San Diego, California; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; Lawton, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Missouri; Cambridge, Massachusetts; Washington, D. C.; Edinburg, Texas; Tacoma, Washington; Berkeley, California; and Tampa, Florida.

McCONNELL APPOINTED TO NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL



Lt. Robert H. McConnell, Director of the Tacoma Police Department's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), has been named as a member of the Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering. As a member of the Board's Traffic Law Enforcement Committee, Lt. McConnell will be working with other professionals in encouraging, correlating and evaluating research relative to the effects of traffic law enforcement activity and other traffic supervision measures involving both the driver and vehicle.

McConnell, 37, has been a member of the Tacoma Police Department for the past 15 years. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute and has served in various capacities within the Department.

His present assignment as Project Director for STEP was effective early last year. The three-year, federally-funded project is dedicated to demonstrating the various methods of traffic law enforcement and determining which methods are most effective at reducing the violation-caused accident. The STEP Project in Tacoma, one of six in the nation, is made up of two sergeants, 10 patrolmen and office personnel in addition to the Director.

The Chairman of the Traffic Law Enforcement Committee, G. L. Goodson, in announcing McConnell's appointment said, "We feel certain your present position with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in Tacoma and your obvious interest and experience in Police Traffic Services will provide a valuable addition to our membership."

The committee meets twice each year, the annual meeting being located in Washington, D. C. and the mid-year meeting held at a mutually acceptable site. The majority of the committee's work is accomplished through sub-committees and general correspondence.

The National Academy of Sciences and Engineering, while independent, has served as the official advisor to the federal government in matters of science and technology for many years.

McConnell's appointment extends until January 1975.

Environmental Health Killing Weeds

Environmental Health is continuing its never ending battle to clean up the Model Neighborhood.

Presently, the crew is spraying weed killer on lots with overgrown brush. They are spraying about 40 lots a day. Vector Control Specialist Berkley Keith said he wanted to remind Neighborhood residents to put loose trash in bags or boxes and place it in the alley for pick up by the Environmental Health crew.

He also encouraged people to pick up trash around their garbage cans, especially when dogs knock them over. After June, people will be fined for loose garbage if a proposed ordinance is passed.

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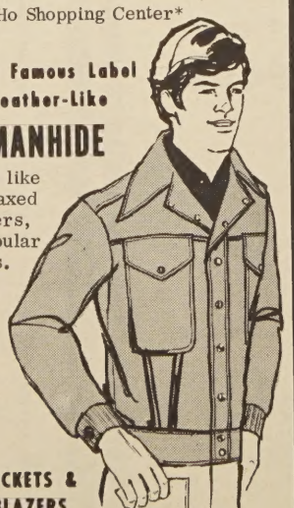

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

By: MRS. V. C. EDWARDS

Mrs. Lyles with husband, William.

Mrs. Alice M. Lyles talked about Tacoma and her life while here. She and her late first husband came out to the Northwest in 1913. They knew nothing about the area or anyone but were young, married and adventurous.

They first came to Seattle 3 Oct. 1913 and lived there until Feb. of the following year. After moving to Tacoma from Seattle, they lived at 5109 N. Winnifred Street and her husband was employed at the Smelter. Not being entirely satisfied, she and her husband moved to Winlock where he was employed as a logger. Later they purchased a chicken farm in Winlock and sold their eggs to a Co-opt Organization. At that time, Winlock, Wash. was the second largest egg producing Community in the U.S.A.

Mrs. Lyles talked about the three years she attended night school learning to sew, and after successfully completing the course, worked at a Ladies Small Clothing Store near 11th and "K" Streets at the Cable Car turn-around. Both of her children were born in Tacoma at St. Joseph Catholic Hospital, (Robert and Jessemina). Jessemina, a daughter was born on New Years, the first new born on that day, however, there were no gifts given as nowadays. Tacoma during that era was a wide open town. On Market Street from 15th thru 17th Streets and the lower part of Broadway were many houses of ill repute. The movie cost only 5¢ at the old theaters and 25¢ at the Vaudeville Pantegous and Ortheum. After her 1st husband (Nelson Bradford) died, then her mother who had been living with her died 2 years later, Mrs. Lyles sold the chicken farm, moved back to Tacoma and lived at 1019 So. Trafton St. After her children graduated from High School (Robert at Winlock and Jessemina at Stadium), Mrs. Lyles went to New York to live with a sister and while there renewed an old acquaintance that she had known and grew up with. They were married two years later. That marriage has lasted 33 years and still going strong. Her husband (William Lyles) is 87 years young.

Women's Political Caucus Planned

The annual meeting of the Women's Political Caucus will be held Saturday, May 26 in the Shaw Room of Seattle Center. The meeting, entitled "Beyond Tokenism-You and the Caucus" will convene at 9:00 am and will run until 5:30 pm.

Intensive workshops will be conduced in the areas of structure, political effectiveness, candidates and communication.

Although workshops will be led and attended by women prominent in politics, emphasis will be on the partic pation of the individual, the articulation of explicit goals for the next year, and the for mation of standing committees to carry them out.

Lunch will be brown-bag or can be obtained from the Food Circus. A $2.00 donation is requested to cover expenses for the day's meeting.

Further info rmation may be obtained by calling Jame Wharton 324-4131 or 525-3130; or Susan Van Ness, 329-8826.

Public Service Announcement

Town and Country Bridge Club held its last meeting of the season at the home of Mr. H.J. Glover. High Score winners were Mrs. Vera Jenkins and Mr. Ervin Kimbough.

St. Leo's Parents Club Sports Banquet to honor the Grade School Students participators in the athletic program will be held this Saturday at 6 pm.

Black Businessmen's Association of Tacoma greets their new member Ms. Nikki Johnson, owner of Nikki Dollar Production Booking Agency.

Purdy Treatment Center's Biased Hiring and Promotional Policy

By Andre Young

"There is no group of people that is any better off than the status and condition of their women."

There is much to be said but little has been done to fight our state's institutional racism.

Basic to the plight of qualified Black people in these United States of America is their struggle against covert and overt institutional racism.

The employment policy in our penal system is itself (Institutional Racism) criminal. Criminal because any Black person, no matter what qualifications he or she may have, most often isn't allowed to reach various administrative positions. In most cases, Black persons working in prisons are qualified persons. What with the atrocious numbers of Black and other so-called minority persons continually being incarcerated, it is ridiculously unreasonable that Black persons are kept out of various administrative level positions. Yet apartheid in our prisons and jails constrains many Black persons who are employed therein from gaining more and better jobs, regardless of their abilities and qualifications.

A case in point is one Ms. Frankie Donahue, an employee at the Purdy Treatment Center, located in Gig Harbor, near Tacoma. What specifically has occurred with Ms. Donahue is a matter of public regard.

Frankie Donahue, a state employee, is on the staff of the Purdy Treatment Center, and has been demoted severely. "She has appealed that demotion by her superiors to the State Personnel Board.", says her lawyer. In demoting Donahue the institution has charged her with a number of faults, all "failures in the performance of her job in one way or another."

Representing Ms. Donahue is Atty. Jan Peterson of Tacoma, who advised this writer that it is the contention of appellant Donahue that "at least 90% of those charges are false; they have not been proved; that they did not occur, of if they did that it certainly wasn't her responsibility".

Tuesday (5/15/73) morning's hearing before the Board has been postponed, due to some administrative "bingling" by the State Personnel Board members concerning exhibits crucial to the hearing having been misplaced or lost. Atty. Peterson said, "The State Personnel Board must make a decision as to whether she was justly demoted or unjustly demoted. The appellant's case is that there is no fact to support her demotion and it is purely an act of discrimination either on the basis of race or sex. And in the case of Ms. Donahue, who is a Black woman, it runs doubly heavy for this institution".

There are several ground rules for this particular kind of hearing as opposed to one being heard in Superior Court. The State Personnel Board is an administrative hearer, being a State agency. "You have to exhaust what is called your administrative remedies before you can go to court", says Atty. Peterson. In other words, a person has to go up through the administrative processes of the State, which guarantee you a hearing. The kind of hearing that you get is a much more informal type of hearing, in that you don't have the rules of evidence that you have in a court. Everything comes into account, hearsay and every other kind of evidence. And the Personnel Board takes it for what it is worth. It's not the same as a court hearing. The decision of the Personnel Board is not final, in so far as it can be appealed to the courts. Once Ms. Donahue has exhausted her administrative remedies of having hearings she can move the matter into the State court system.

Atty. Peterson concluded this interview by saying that "it seems clear, at least from the hearings thus far, it seems clear to me that Purdy Treatment Center is supposed to be the modern, progressive, the revolutionary kind of correctional institution, and it is as full of institutional racism and sex discrimination as any other institution in this state. No great improvements have been made on that ground at this institution."

At this writing, there has been no final hearing date set in the matter of Frankie Donahue vs. Department of Social and Health Services, case number 314, she lost her classification of Counsellor I as a result of (in this writer's opinion) racism and sexism. Where are you, Black leaders and women liberators?

Pictured above is Robert Duckworth, presenting a check to Glenn Reese for the Sickle Cell Research in behalf of the Fir State Golf Club. Robert Duckworth and William Bell were Co-Chairmen of the golf tournament, which was recently held at the Auburn Country Club.

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John Tuft Wins Puget Sound Golf Tournament

John Tuft, playing out of Seattle's Jackson Park course, captured the eighth annual Puget Sound Amateur golf tournament championship Sunday by shooting 68-75 — 143 at the Lake Spanaway course.

Tuft took a three-shot lead into Sunday's final round, but had to hold off a determined effort by fellow Jackson Park member Eddie Pearsall to preserve the win. Pearsall, six shots behind after an opening 74, fired a 70 Sunday and finished a stroke back at 144.

Third place went to current Washington State Amateur champion Jim Stevenson of Bellevue and defending PSA champion Bill McDonald of West Seattle at 146. Both had rounds of 73-73.

John Mallon II, a member at Seattle's Jefferson Park course and Tacoma's Fort Steilacoom layout, fired a net 135 on rounds of 76 and 77 to take the tournament's low net prize.

A field of 167 players participated in the tournament, sponsored by the Tacoma Sports-Recreation Federation.

Meditation

Moment of Truth-A Tiny time fuse burns within the soul of each of us. In some this fuse burns more quickly than others. At night we have a habit of climbing into bed, yawning in God's face, rolling over and going to sleep unconscious of our diminishing fuse. But gnawing in our subconscious mind is the awesome question man forever asks: "Am I Prepared to Die?"

Adult Outreach Active in April

Seventeen people, many of them ex-felons, have gotten jobs. Four institutional residents are out of prison and in school.

One man will leave Walla Walla Prison this month to enter a position as counselor. Three local companies are negotiating contracts with Employment Security which will provide training for five men. Four persons currently incarcerated have applied for job training and are being processed.

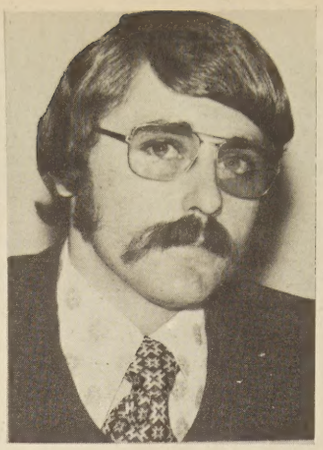
All of this has happened since April 1, 1973, through the efforts of the Adult Offender Outreach Program (AOOP). Now under the direction of the Tacoma Urban League, the AOOP is increasing its service through coordinating with other agencies, through researching available programs which have not been used much in the past, and by just plain going out to local companies and selling employers on hiring AOOP clients.

Created for the primary purpose of helping prison residents to get out of prison and into jobs, job training, and school, Adult Outreach also goes all out to help those who have been incarcerated and are in need of jobs, training, or counseling. In addition, those who have never seen the walls are welcome to the project to get help.

With the local economy as it is, the AOOP makes no promise of jobs for its clients. What it can promise, however, is that sincere efforts will be made to satisfy the needs of those who ask for help. Most of the AOOP staff live in the neighborhood and know the problems caused by unemployment.

Members of the Adult Outreach project make trips twice monthly to the institutions at Shelton and Monroe to talk with residents. Anyone who might be interested in accompanying the staff on these trips is welcome.

If you know someone who is incarcerated or who has been incarcerated and needs help, call the AOOP at 272-9386.



"Mr. E's" Comes To Willows

Terry Hill, Manager

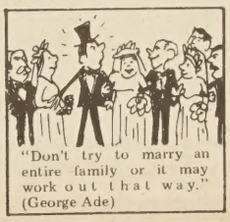
Denny Elvins, president of Elvins Department Stores, has announced a new venture at the Willows Shopping Center, south of Puyallup at 112th Street. It will be a specialty store called "Mr. E's Casual People Clothes," and will open in July. Terry Hill of Elvin's Puyallup store, will manage the new unit. Larry Larson of Tacoma designed the store.

Seniors Go Back to Turn of Century

Seniors went back to the turn-of-the-century last week as they listened to popular songs from the period performed by Rhinestone Rosie.

Rhinestone Rosie is actually Chellis Swenson who has a hobby of studying and performing turn-of-the-century music. She dresses in clothes similar to those worn during the period and uses many authentic props.

The occasion was the second anniversary of the Model Cities Senior Citizens Center and celebration of seniors month. The center took the occasion to hold an open house and botique with all money raised going for transportation.



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NAACP To Meet

The Tacoma Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., National Association for Advancement of Colored People, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 28th, 1973 at 8:00 P.M. The Meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Tacoma Public Library, corner of 11th and Tacoma Avenue South. The Branch Meeting is always open to the general public.

This will be the last regular meeting prior to the Annual National Conference of the N.A.A.C.P. and delegates to that Conference will be elected at this Meeting. Branch President, Jack Tanner; Vice President, L. Ray Scott; and Ms. Rose Marie Johnson are the three persons being submitted to the Branch by the Executive Board as nominees for delegates to the Convention. Two of these persons will be selected by the Branch and will be sent to the Annual Conference as the representatives of the Tacoma Branch.

A special program is being presented for the evening, featuring Mr. James Stewart from the Pierce County Drug Abuse Council. He will speak on Drug Abuse in Pierce County.

For further information contact O. R. (Bob) Pigford, 593-2023.

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The primary goal of this group is to provide economic exposure for business, civic and community groups. This will be achieved through presentations and exhibits by various local, state, and out-of-state groups and organizations.

The secondary goal is to provide, via the Black Expo 73 vehicle, an opportunity for local and state amateur entertainers and artists to perform and exhibit their talents with the possibility of advancing their amateurism to professional status.

Black Expo 73 will be open to the total community and will, hopefully serve as a springboard for more progressive ideas to better serve the Tacoma community at large and the Black community in jointly participating in a successful community production.

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